

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:
reading one or more track offsets from a disk;
hashing encoding said offsets into an identification code without reference to track length; and
performing a database lookup using said identification code to identify disk-related information associated with said disk in said database ("disk-related information").
2. (canceled).
3. (currently amended) The method as in claim 1 wherein hashing encoding comprises:
executing a hash algorithm to generate said identification code.
4. (currently amended) The method as in claim 3 wherein said hash algorithm is an Message Digest 5 (MD5) hash algorithm.
5. (currently amended) The method as in claim 4 wherein an MD5 hash produced by said MD5 hash algorithm is rendered in a Base-64 format.
6. (previously presented) The method as in claim 1 wherein said disk-related information comprises disk titles and disk track titles.

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7-34. (canceled).

35. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for reading one or more track offsets from a disk;

means for hashing ~~encoding~~ said offsets into an identification code without
reference to track length; and

means for performing a database lookup using said identification code to
identify disk-related information associated with said disk in said database (~~"disk-~~
~~related information"~~).

36. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 35 wherein the means for
hashing ~~encoding~~ comprises means for executing a hash algorithm to generate said
identification code.

37. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 36 wherein said hash
algorithm is an Message Digest 5 (MD5) hash algorithm.

38. (previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 37 wherein an MD5 hash
produced by said MD5 hash algorithm is rendered in a Base-64 format.

39. (previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 35 wherein said disk-related
information comprises at least one of disk titles and disk track titles.

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40. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium comprising program code to be executed by a computer, the program code comprising:

program code for reading one or more track offsets from a disk;

program code for hashing ~~encoding~~ said offsets into an identification code without reference to track length; and

program code for performing a database lookup using said identification code to identify disk-related information associated with said disk in said database ("~~disk-related information~~").

41. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium as in claim 40 wherein the program code for encoding comprises program code for executing a hash algorithm to generate said identification code.

42. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium as in claim 41 wherein said hash algorithm is an Message Digest 5 (MD5) hash algorithm.

43. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium as in claim 42 wherein an MD5 hash produced by said MD5 hash algorithm is rendered in a Base-64 format.

44. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium as in claim 40 ~~35~~ wherein said disk-related information comprises at least one of disk titles and disk track titles.